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## AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a 3-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a). With the granting of said extension, it is believed that this response is timely filed. We enclose herewith our check in the amount of \$980.00 for payment of the 3-month extension fee. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees and/or overpayment that may come due during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-2613. The

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amendment and response address the issues raised by the Examiner in an Office Action, dated April 14, 2004. The Applicants also enclose the Declaration of Dr. Mark Erion. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for her courtesy in the telephonic interview conducted on September 9, 2004.